

Days 1-7 - Readings: New Testament +

Day	Reading	Family Focus
1	John 1	John 1:1-5
2	John 2	John 2:1-11
3	John 3	John 3:1-21
4	John 4	John 4:42-54
5	John 5	John 5:16-24
6	Genesis 1	Genesis 1:1-3
7	day off	

Look for this:

- **John 1:** How long Jesus (i.e. “the Word”) has existed
- **John 2:** What miracle was the first ever that Jesus performed
- **John 3:** What Jesus says happens to those who believe in Him
- **John 4:** What the Samaritan woman did after meeting Jesus
- **John 5:** What four things served as witnesses to who Jesus is
- **Genesis 1:** How John 1:1-3 and Genesis 1 compare

Tips:

- The gospel of John is breathtaking to read. It shows a picture of Jesus unlike any other gospel account. Springing out of John’s closeness with Christ (he was in Jesus’ inner circle), this gospel reinforces aspects of the Savior’s life that the other gospels don’t mention. In fact, he referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 13:23; 20:2).
- The purpose of this gospel is two-fold - apologetic and evangelistic.
- As an apologist, his desire was to convince his readers of Jesus’ true identity - namely the “Son of God” - emphasizing His deity.

- As an evangelist, John states that he wrote his gospel so people would believe Jesus is the Son of God and have life through Him (John 20:30-31). The word “believe” occurs approximately 100 times in this one book!
- As you read, notice the 7 “I AM” statements that identify Jesus as God, the 8 “signs” or proofs that Jesus is who He says He claims to be and the fascinating contrasts between of death and life, light and darkness, and love and hate. All of these, like a laser, point people to believe in Jesus, the one and only Messiah.